

COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM AND
THE BDS MOVEMENT**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the troubling rise of anti-Semitism and to call for action against the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement—a hateful weapon intended to delegitimize Israel and the Jewish community.

According to Pew Research Center, instances of anti-Semitism are at a 7-year high. It is getting worse everywhere, particularly in the Middle East, but also in Europe and even in the United States.

That's why I've cosponsored the Combating BDS Act of 2016 (H.R. 4514). This legislation clarifies that state and local governments have the authority to pass and enforce laws that prohibit public funding to institutions that engage in the odious BDS campaign, the purpose of which is to apply double standards that delegitimize and demonize Israel.

Thankfully, many states have responded to the BDS campaign by enacting legislation that denies public support to any organization engaged in the campaign—just last month my home state of New Jersey became the 11th state to enact such a law.

The boycott campaign against Israel is a complete discredit to its organizers—the government of Israel has by far the best record for human rights, democracy, rule of law, and general humanity toward both its own citizens and its neighbors' citizens, including the Palestinians—of any country in the Middle East. This despite the fact that some of its neighboring governments support or harbor terrorists whose goal is the genocidal annihilation of Israel.

Congress must not only commend Israel's record, and applaud those state and local governments that seek to withdraw public funding from the BDS campaign, we must also support and sustain the state and local initiatives.

Combating BDS Act does exactly that. I encourage my colleagues to support it and also encourage my colleagues to read the Simon Wiesenthal Center's report, "Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions Against Israel: An Anti-Semitic, Anti-Peace Poison Pill," which details the disgusting anti-Semitic record of the BDS movement, particularly making use of Natan Sharansky's "3Ds test for anti-Semitism."

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
JASON M. HOUGH OF THE
CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OF-
FICE**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Sergeant Jason M. Hough of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Sergeant Hough deserves

the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Sergeant Hough joined the Clarke County Sheriff's Office in June 2012. As a field deputy, he was always a top producer in the office. In June 2015 Jason assumed supervisory duties when he was promoted to sergeant. He has accepted the additional responsibilities and responded well to the additional duties.

On March 4, 2016, Sergeant Jason M. Hough responded to a house in the town of Berryville for a report of a possible overdose. When Sergeant Hough arrived on the scene, he found an unconscious male lying on a bed. Jason checked to see if the male was breathing and if he had a pulse. He discovered that although the male had a good pulse, he was not breathing. Sergeant Hough began to perform mouth to mouth resuscitation. Medics arrived shortly thereafter and provided Sergeant Hough with a bag valve mask so he could continue to provide respirations to the victim. The victim did breathe on his own several times, but quit after a few breaths. According to witnesses on the scene, the victim had overdosed on heroin.

The medics administered three rounds of Narcan though an IV. The victim regained consciousness and became very aggressive, screaming over and over. Sergeant Hough had to restrain the victim so that he could continue to receive medical care. The victim was taken to the ambulance. The victim had calmed down by this time, which allowed Sergeant Hough to tell him what had happened and that he was being taken to the hospital for overdosing. Without the actions of Sergeant Hough, the victim could have died.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sergeant Jason M. Hough of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO CARROLL COUNTY,
INDIANA**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Carroll County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on October 6, 2016.

The County sits on the eastern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1828 and named for Charles Carroll, who was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence. The county seat is located in Delphi, home of the Wabash and Erie Canal. Built through the county in 1840 and operating until the early 1870s the Wabash and Erie Canal is among the county's most significant historical legacies.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the 32 Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Flora Depot Com-

mittee (Flora Community Club/Flora Main Street), Delphi Public Library, Flora-Monroe Township Public Library, Camden-Jackson Township Public Library, Town of Flora, Heartland Heritage, Inc., Carroll County Historical Society, Carroll County Museum, William Henry Harrison Sons of the American Revolution, Town of Camden, Promoting Wildcat Valley, Camden Women's Literary Club, Flora Mainstreet, Carroll County Veteran's Remembrance, VFW, Carroll County Wabash at Erie Canal, Inc., University of Indianapolis; Department of Anthropology, Delphi Opera House, Inc, Burlington American Legion Post 414, Wabash and Erie Canal Association Canal Park, Carroll County Wabash and Erie Canal and Old Settlers Association. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Carroll County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH, WELDON, NORTH CARO-
LINA**HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of First Baptist Church, located in my congressional district in Weldon, North Carolina.

First Baptist Church takes pride in being one of the first Black Baptist churches in North Carolina. Founded in 1866, a year after the U.S. Congress passed the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery, Reverend Joseph Baysmore and several faith leaders devoted to spreading the word of God organized the Church. In the Church's early days, Reverend Baysmore and his small congregation gathered to worship under a bush arbor, which was later replaced by a wooden structure lacking ceilings and heat.

Mr. Speaker, much of First Baptist Church's growth over the years can be attributed to its dedicated leadership and congregation. In 1909, the Church moved into its current site under the leadership of Reverend John W. Faulk, Sr. During this time, the Church went from offering only second and fourth Sunday service to offering services every Sunday.

Even early on, the Church was active in civic engagement and served as the first meeting site for the Halifax County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the early 1940s. In the 1990s, the Church added a radio ministry to broadcast the Sunday morning worship on the local radio station.

Since 2002, First Baptist Church has been pastored by Reverend Quientrell L. Burrell, II. Under Rev. Burrell's leadership, the Church continues to prosper and serve its community. First Baptist Church has expanded its service to the community through health seminars, single parent clinics, and healthy relationship sessions. Today, First Baptist Church remains a pillar of the Weldon community and in the state of North Carolina.